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Conference chairman's welcome

by John Glover



Finding Your Place In The GI Network

On behalf of the AGI Conference Committee, I would like to welcome you to this year's conference and GIS exhibition. From the programme you will see that we have worked hard to provide you with an agenda packed with topical subjects and quality speakers. However, we have also tried to make sure there is enough time for you to network with other delegates, so that you may build the business contacts that will help your organisation leverage its current and future investment in Geographic Information (GI).

This year's theme of '***Finding your place in the GI network***' allows you to explore the many benefits of working together, in partnership. On Day 1, we concentrate on the GI 'Building Blocks' of technologies, data quality, standardisation, information policy and pricing. These foundation stones provide a platform, without which information sharing would be both difficult and unsustainable. Day 2 develops the theme further, through examples of projects that involve collaborative working. It also looks at some of the market and regulatory drivers that are determining how we behave, whether we are in the public or the private sector. Finally, Day 3 allows us to look forward, taking what we have learnt and adding some new ideas and thinking to inspire us all for the year ahead.

In parallel to the formal paper presentations, we are also running a series of topic specific workshops. These in-depth sessions will allow you to participate in detailed discussion about important operational issues such as: building local land and property gazetteers; ensuring best practice in going corporate and sharing information; the impact of OS positional accuracy improvements and moving from Landline to MasterMap; and how to get the best from digital imagery.

With 8 years of conference committee involvement behind me, I can truly say, this is one of, if not the best conference programmes I have contributed to. Each year, based on your feedback, we have been able to fine-tune both the content and structure and where possible add some new innovations.

The key innovation this year, is to invite a professional journalist, from outside the GI profession, to facilitate our final plenary VIP panel. Emma Howard, a well-known BBC Presenter, will add a new and professional dimension to the AGI Conference. Her role is to make sure that you and the panel play an important part in debating *The Future for Joined Up Geography*. Some of the many issues she will cover will include: how do we best coordinate joined-up initiatives? what is the role of the private sector in joined-up services? what are the potential new opportunities ahead? how do we balance commercial versus public interest? Can we afford to think BIG? Emma will also make sure that you have the opportunity to ask questions from the floor, making this a plenary to remember.

I would like to thank the conference committee for putting together this excellent programme and invite you to participate in, what is after all, your conference.

John Glover

AGI Conference Chair

A Warm Welcome to GeoSolutions 2002!

On behalf of the GeoSolutions 2002 team it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the UK's leading spatial information solutions event.

Over the last 11 years we have been committed to growing and developing the event, offering delegates, visitors and exhibitors the best possible experience at one single event. GeoSolutions 2002 has developed to incorporate the GIS 2002 exhibition, with over 100 leading exhibitors and numerous free information and educational platforms, and of course, the AGI 2002 Conference. All of these elements combine to make up the most comprehensive spatial information solutions event available in the UK, under the GeoSolutions umbrella.

This year, you will be able to discover crucial information on industry trends, the latest products available to the market and innovative future technologies. GeoSolutions 2002 has been designed to cater for all levels of experience and knowledge. From those of you new to GI and its capabilities to highly experienced practitioners. With over 100 exhibitors at this year's event, you will be able to see and experience the widest range of GI and data solutions in the UK – under the one roof.

The AGI Conference – “Finding your place in the GI Network”

The theme for Europe's premier GI Forum has been created specifically to identify how you can work in partnership with others and to address collectively the obstacles that might inhibit success. There will be high level plenary sessions within the conference programme itself and six interactive workshops.

A final plenary debate on “The Future for Joined up Geography?” will be held on 19th September and will be hosted by Emma Howard, BBC Presenter. This is guaranteed to be a lively and interesting debate, not one to miss! It's not too late to book a place at the conference, just go to the registration desk in the conference center where the team will be delighted to help you.

NEW free educational and information opportunities for 2002

We're committed to growing GeoSolutions and meeting the changing needs of visitors and delegates. This is why we're very pleased to announce the launch of four new educational and information opportunities.

- Free **Geomatics Workshops** and **Geomatics Advice and Information Service** run in partnership with RICS.
- The **Information House – National Projects Zone** in association with **informationhouse**, NLPG and NLIS.
- The **GI for Joined-up Government Zone**, hosted by IGGI, will enable you to find out how you can join and take advantage of the Pilot Pan Government Agreement.
- **Hydrographic Pavilion**. If you're interested in waters, rivers, ports, coastal zones or the Ocean then you must see the latest developments on stands D35 to D40

Other Features at GeoSolutions 2002

The **Solutions Centre**, in association with Kingston University offers you interactive workshops on the use of GIS to locate & map crime incidents; how to set up a real-time internet based GIS suitable for location-based services; and how to locate report & deal with network faults.

The BNSC are back again with “**Space – Working for a Safer Earth**”. Find out how space and airborne technologies can assist you in your business decisions. You will also have the opportunity to chat with experts and attend free seminars focusing on the current applications and new technologies for monitoring and navigating the planet using space to promote a safer earth.

Whatever your level of expertise of the GI industry you can benefit from a visit to the Consultancy Centre. There will be a team of independent consultants with experience across many industry areas available to offer guidance and advice on your current projects and how you can avoid costly mistakes by benefiting from their experience and expertise.

As you can see, there is so much to see and do at the event. However, just as important is the unique networking opportunity GeoSolutions offers you. You can make new business contacts, meet your peers and catch up with old acquaintances! So, on behalf of the GeoSolutions 2002 team and CMP Europe I wish you every success with your visit. I would also like to thank all our partners and associates who have come together to ensure your show delivers you a unique learning, networking and business forum.

Jessica Blue
GeoSolutions 2002 Event Manager

See you next year: Don't miss GeoSolutions 2003, held at Earls Court 2 on 16-18 September 2003.

For more information check out the GeoSolutions website at <http://www.geosolutions-expo.com>

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